GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF LAND RESOURCES OF LOWER LUNI BASIN
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any approach paper for development of land resources of the Lower Luni basin in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken up this issue with external funding agencies or World Bank for providing financial assistance for the said project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Department of Land Resources (DOLR) had received an approach paper from the Government of Rajasthan in October `98 for land reclamation, pollution control and environmental improvement in the Lower Luni River Basin in Rajasthan at a total cost of Rs. 300 crores. The major components of this project envisage mitigating the adverse effects of erosion in the Luni River catchment, salinity in the ground water etc. The Department of Land Resources, after processing the proposal, had sent the approach paper to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance in December `98 for posing it to a suitable international donor agency having interest in the concerned field, and has been pursuing the same.